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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 1037

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SUBJECT: POLES CRITIZE BRITISH USE OF TORTURE IN
NORTHERN IRELAND

1. IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "NAKED FACTS", WHICH APPEARED IN
TRYBUNA LUDU, FEBRUARY 10, ZYGMUNT BRONIAREK EXPRESSES OUTRAGE
AT THE REVELATION THAT THE BRITISH ARMY HAD USED TORTURE IN
NORTHERN IRELAND. BRONIAREK CHARACTERIZED THE "GLARING VIO-
LATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS" AS "REAL -- NOT IMAGINED," AND AS BEASED
ON THE OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS, "NOT ON THE WHIMS" OF AN OBSERVER. BRONIAREK
SAID THE BRITISH OFFER OF "FINANCIAL COMPENSATION" WAS
"PURELY CYNICAL" AND CALLED FOR EACH PERSON TO "EVALUATE
IN HIS OWN CONSCIENCE" THE COST OF SUCH DAMAGE.

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2. BRONIAREK CHARGES IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT
SUCH "DEVELOPED XOUNTRIES" AS GREAT BRITIAN "WHO PRIDE
THEMSELVES ON THEIR "DEMOCRATIC' AND 'EGALITARIAN' OF 'SYS-
TEM" STAND " INT THE FRONT LINES OF THE DEFENDERS OF 'HUM-
AN RIGHTS' IN POLAND," HE SAYS," IT IS NOT AT ALL A NEW
WAY TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM REALITIES IN THEIR OWN

COUNTRIES -- JUST THE OPPOSITE."

3. COMMENT: BRONIAREK'S ARTICLE REFLECTS A RECENT CHANGE IN POLISH PRESS POLICY WHICH REPORTEDLY ENCOURAGES ADVERSE COMMENTARY ON EVENTS IN WEST GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN. IN REPORTING ON THE BRITISH USE OF TORTURE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, HOWEVER, BRONIAREK'S ARTICLE IMPLICITY REMINDS HIS POLISH READERSHIP OF THE HEAVY-HANDED TACTICS USED BY THE POLISH POLICE DURING AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PRICE-RISEDISTURBANCES IN RADOM. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION FOR MUNICH: PLEASE CALL RFE'S ATTENTION TO BRONIAREK'S ARTICLE.
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